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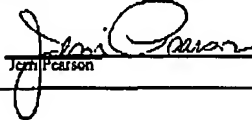
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In the specification, please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph at page 6, line 5:

Within this environment, it is often necessary to add additional network elements into the network. This requires the ability to add new network elements to the element manager and upgrade the element managers in response to changes in the network elements as well as support software bug fixes, etc. Additionally, operators and customers in this environment would prefer the use of a generalized craft interface to permit communication with the network elements using a generalized hardware language such as TL1 (~~Translation~~ Transaction Language 1) or some other general purpose hardware command/control language.